

work could not be undertaken then or in the near future owing to the excessive cost of land acquisition.

Employment of relatives.

632. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the names of the relatives of each of the Heads of Departments, employed in the State Service either in their own Department or in other Departments ;

(b) the dates of the appointment of the Heads of Departments to the post of the Departmental Head and the pay the relative was drawing (i) on that date and (ii) at present;

(c) the qualification of the said relatives ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) From the information so far obtained, Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, and Rao Sahib C. Matthai, the Director of Public Instruction, are the only Heads of Departments who have relatives in their own Departments. The names of the relatives are Dr. Thariyan Verghese, Additional Civil Surgeon, and K. T. Cherian, U₂ teacher, High School, Mulanturutti, respectively. In regard to the relatives in other Departments, it is difficult to furnish the information as Heads of Departments are not expected to be cognisant of the appointments made in other Departments.

(b) Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese 11—9—1099.

Rao Sahib C. Matthai 27—9—1098.

Dr. Thariyan Verghese (i) Rs. 200-30-350.

(ii) Rs. 200-30-350.

Mr. K. T. Cherian (i) Rs. 70.

(ii) Rs. 80.

(c) Dr. Thariyan Verghese

M. B. Ch. B.

Mr. K. T. Cherian

B. A. & L. T.

Bathing tank for the people of Kunnamkulam.

633. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a petition dated 15th October 1928 has been received by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer from the people of Kunnamkulam and especially those living in the western parts of the town requesting for a tank for bathing purposes; and if so, what action had been taken in the matter ;

(b) whether a petition had been submitted by the people last year for the same purpose and if so what was the reply given to it ;

(c) whether the Town Improvement Committee had brought to the attention of the Government the necessity of having one more tank for bathing purposes ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes. The petition was enquired into.

(b) Part (1) A petition was submitted to the Diwan in 1102.

(2) The petitioners were told that they have to be satisfied for the present with the existing arrangements.

(c) Vide answer to Q. 154, Appendix III, item 9, Volume II, Part 22, Budget Session of 1101.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the petition has been disposed of?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—All that I know is that the petition is under the consideration of the Government.

President.—Not disposed of?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Village Panchayats.

634. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table a statement with the following information:—

(a) the total number of Village Panchayats in the State in 1104;

(b) the total number of members in the Village Panchayats and of these how many are caste-Hindus, non-caste-Hindus, Christians, Muslims and Jews, and of these how many are elected and nominated members;

(c) the names of villages under each Village Panchayat;

(d) how many villages are neither under the Village Panchayat and the Municipalities;

(e) the names of the Village Panchayats in which there are no representatives of non-caste-Hindus;

(f) the names of all Village Panchayats;

(g) the names of the members on each Village Panchayat together with the names of villages which the elected members represent; and of the elected members and also of nominated members how many are caste-Hindus, non-caste-Hindus, Christians, Muslims and Jews;

(h) the amount allotted annually for each Panchayat in the last five years;

(i) the amount actually spent yearly by each Village Panchayat in the last five years;

(j) the names of Panchayats whose allotments lapsed in any of the last five years, stating, in the case of lapses, the amount lapsed; the year in which the amount lapsed and the reason for the lapsing of the amount;

(k) in the case of lapses, whether any explanation has been taken from the Panchayats which, by their own fault or